opinion, made ample provision consistent with their financial position for those Departments ministering to the moral and material welfare of the people, while negativing as far as possible the proposal for grants in other directions which could be dispensed with or postponed. A new feature of the budget for the coming year is the opening of a fresh major head of expenditure 'Up-lift of the Depressed Classes.' This is but the necessary corollary to the appointment of a Protector of the Depressed classes. Many items of expenditure specially incurred for their up-lift which used to be spent from several Departments have now been transferred to the new major head on statistical considerations, so that the Government and the people at large may have a definite idea of the actual amount spent year after year for the special benefit of these classes. More of this at the proper place.

I shall now proceed briefly to describe the proposals for the expenditure in 1104 and the more important variations as compared with the present year. It is hardly possible for me, with the time at my disposal, to dwell on all the items in detail I have, therefore, no option but to leave the Members of the Council to make themselves acquainted with the items of lesser importance which are all set out in the Financial statements before them.

Land Revenue.—Only the usual provisions are made in the Land Revenue Department, and the items that call for any special comment are the provisions for opening 'a Survey School' and 'Training in Pisciculture.' Government are in need of hands trained in Survey to take the place of those who are being retired in the usual course. On the last occasion I observed that the Government are carefully considering the question of the development of the fishing industry. An Expert Committee is now investigating the question in Madras and their conclusions in the matter may be of immense help to us. Meanwhile Government propose to send some suitable candidates for training in pisciculture for which a provision of Rs. 5,000 has been made.

Agriculture and Panchayats.—The budget estimate for the coming year is fixed at Rs. 3,16,200 as against the revised estimate of Rs. 3,14,100, i. e., at more or less the same level. Much discussion has passed in this House as regards the undesirability of clubbing 'Agriculture' with 'Panchayats' and suggesting their early separation. The Special Finance Committee too characterise the same as a mistaken step and recommend that, 'in view of the large number of Panchayats that there are in the State and of the important part that under proper supervision they may be made to play in promoting the welfare

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